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1. The visiting ship passed Hel on the way to Gdansk (Danzig) on 24 February 1955. The ship passed Rozewie (Rixhoft) at a distance of about one nautical mile. To the west of the Rozewie light were two radio masts placed in a line perpendicular to the coast. Between the masts was a prism antenna. At a short distance west of the masts was a square stone tower on which was placed a mast with a signal arm (see annex).

2. At Hel a Soviet tugboat of about 1,000 tons with a large loaded lighter in tow. The course of the tug was northeast, outside of Gdynia a rig with two high steel masts. They had a hat-like object at the peak. Around the two masts were many shorter masts which may have been counterbalances. The position of the layout was just north of Gdynia on a high bank (see annex).

3. a submarine passed The submarine was flying a flag with two stripes. The stripe on the top was red and that on the bottom white. There was a five-pointed star in the red portion of the flag. The submarine was not very long. It was estimated at 40 meters long. The bow was almost vertical. The deck had no superstructure whatsoever. The stern fell away at an angle and often something became visible immediately behind the perpendicular. The submarine was about 50 meters away and no sounds were heard, but there was an exhaust smoke coming out from the side of the deck just before the point where the deck began to slant down toward the stern. From the horizontal view the conning tower was constructed in the form of a drop. It was about the height of two men and about square in the vertical view; however, the uppermost portion, about one-half meter on the leading edge, was slightly curved inwards.

There were no guns of any kind seen either on the deck or on the tower. There were three men in the tower who could only be distinguished from the chest up. The submarine was on its way toward Gdynia.

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4. [redacted] at the Gornica Basin on the northeasterly side. There was a large Polish tugboat approaching from the south side of the basin on its way out. (See photo). A fast-moving boat was observed on 25 February. It was lying just west of the Gdynia-Gdansk route. [redacted] It was flush-decked but fell off somewhat toward the bow. The bow itself was vertical. A short bridge was forward of amidships. A mast with a signal arm and many signal flags was placed in the middle of the bridge. No torpedo tubes were seen. There were two antiaircraft guns, one on the afterdeck and one on the foredeck. The guns which were manned by three men each were secured in the vertical position. The barrels were estimated to have the thickness of an arm. 25X1
5. A similar boat as described above was seen east of the Gdynia-Gdansk route and still farther to the east, two more were on a course toward the west. [redacted] 25X1
6. After the visiting ship had passed the buoy at Gdynia on the way to Hel a tugboat towing a submarine on a course toward Gdynia. [redacted]
7. Also observed was a vessel [redacted] on a course toward Gdynia. On the way out of Gdynia toward Hel, the ship met a depot ship painted gray. It had the appearance of a naval vessel. It was about 1500 tons; it had no guns. [redacted] 25X1
It was apparently a built-over steam freighter with one stack and one mast on the superstructure, which was rather tall. There were three men on the bridge. On the stern there were a number of davits that hung out over the sides.
8. The visiting ship passed Hel early in the evening on 25 February. For the next six hours there was lively activity with searchlights in an easterly direction. The searchlights were pointed up into the air. There were four searchlights in all.

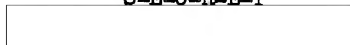
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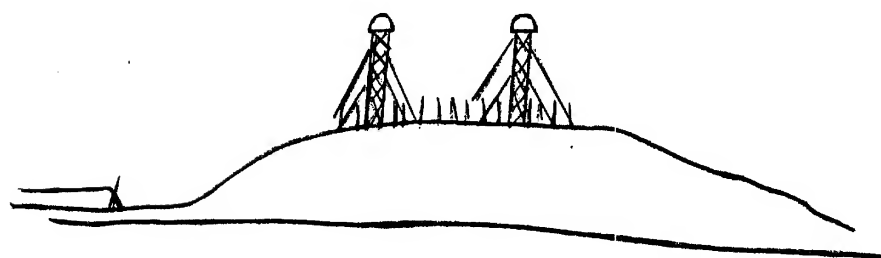
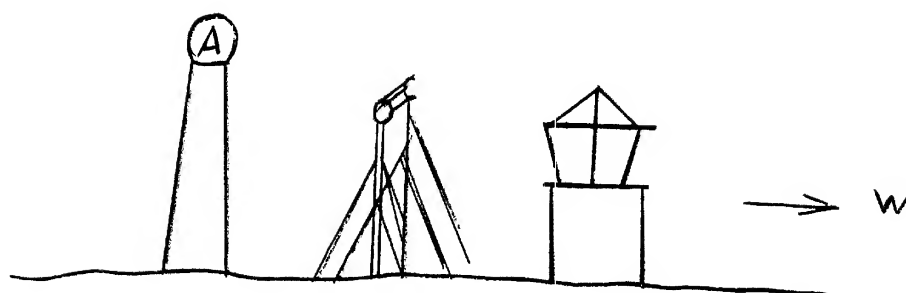
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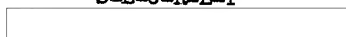
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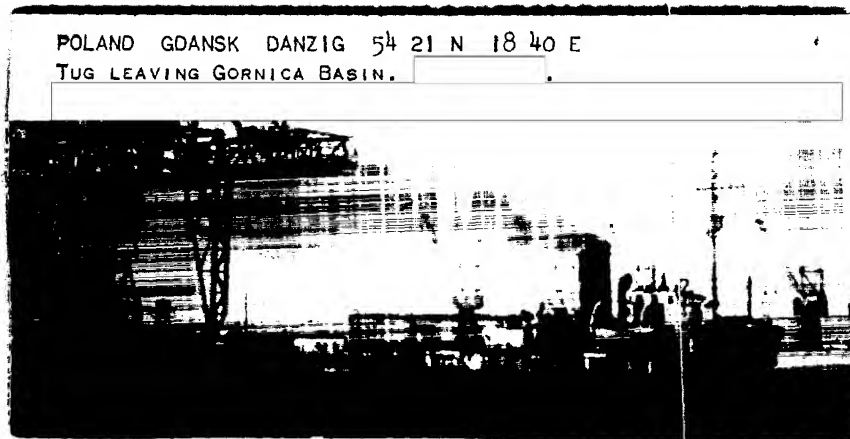
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